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25X4. The Office for Economic Affairs* at 1-4 Schnellerstrasse, Berlin-Midder-
schooneweide, is the office of the new Armament Ministry in Eastern
Germany. In late April 1952, Willi Stoph, chief of this office, was
replaced by Berndt Weinberger.

2. In late June 1952, a special staff was formed in the Berlin office for Economic Affairs. Persons assigned to this headquarters included Tops (fnu), living at Gartenstrasse in Warnemuende, formerly director of the VVB Hochseeschiffbau. Prior to and during the war he was managing director of the Arado Aircraft Plant in Warnemuende. Gamke (fnu), previously manager of the Leptan Shipyards and, prior to and during the war manager of the Arado Plant in Warnemuende, was also assigned to this headquarters. * The special staff has the mission of organizing the manufacture of aircraft in the former Arado Plant in Wittenberg (B 52/B 37) where a large construction staff has already been formed. The project has been given first priority at the Office for Economic Affairs. ***

25X1 # Comment. Buero fuer Wirtschaftsfragen

25X1 Comment. After the war, Tops was the manager of the Warnow shipyard in Warnemünde and, since 1950, he has been chief of the VVB Hochseeschiffbau. His name was previously mentioned in connection with the air armament industry which is to be established in Eastern Germany. Garke was the manager of the SAC Neptun Shipyards in Rostock which was returned to German ownership in May 1952.

25X1 *** [] Comment: The Arado Plants in Wittenberg and Varnemuende were dismantled after the war by the Russians. Their equipment was shipped to the U.S.S.R. in 1946.

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